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To: Bureau of Rehabilitation Services Providers
From: Theresa Koleszar, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
Re: Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) Request for Funding (RFF)
Date: May 17, 2016

On May 9, 2016, the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) released a funding opportunity to approved Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) employment service providers who have a current VR provider agreement. The Request for Funding (RFF) is for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) as described in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), for students with disabilities between the ages of 14-22 years of age who are eligible, or potentially eligible, for VR services. The deadline for submitting a response to this RFF is June 6, 2016.

The RFF was sent by email to all VR approved employment service providers and was sent to the email address submitted with the VR provider application. Below is additional detail included in the May 9, 2016, announcement. BRS is specifically interested in the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services required and/or authorized under Section 113(b) of the Rehabilitation Act:

(b) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—Funds available under subsection (a) shall be used to make available to students with disabilities described in subsection (a)—

- (1) job exploration counseling;
- (2) work-based learning experiences, which may include in-school or after school opportunities, or experience outside the traditional school setting (including internships), that is provided in an integrated environment to the maximum extent possible;
- (3) counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs at institutions of higher education;
- (4) workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living; and
- (5) instruction in self-advocacy, which may include peer mentoring.

Further details on the application process (including the required response format and attachments) are contained in the RFF itself. Responses should be submitted via email to Will Colteryahn at: William.Colteryahn@fssa.in.gov. All responses must be received no later than 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on June 6, 2016. The subject line of the email submission must clearly state the following: "RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR FUNDING 2016-08"

